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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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ROBERT C. JUBELIRER AND MATTHEW J. RYAN,
Appellants

v.

RICHARD VIETH, *et.al.*
Appellees

ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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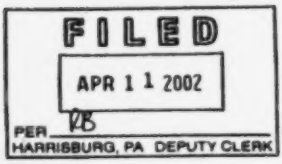
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APPENDIX A



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD VIETH, et al.,	:	
Plaintiffs,	:	
v.	:	No. 1:CV-01-2439
	:	(Judge Rambo)
THE COMMONWEALTH	:	
PENNSYLVANIA, et al.	:	
Defendants.	:	

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Defendants Robert C. Jubelirer and Matthew J. Ryan appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States from the order entered April 8, 2002 in this matter, which declared Act 1 of 2002 unconstitutional and permanently enjoined its implementation. The appeal is taken pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1253.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX B

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD VIETH	:	
NORMA JEAN	:	**CIVIL NO. 1:CV-01-2439**
VIETH, and	:	
SUSAN FUREY,	:	
Plaintiffs	:	
	:	**NYGAARD, Circuit Judge**
v.	:	**YOHN, District Judge**
	:	**RAMBO, District Judge**
COMMONWEALTH	:	
OF	:	
PENNSYLVANIA,	:	
et al.,	:	
Defendants	:	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE COURT

PER CURIAM

In our previous order of February 22, 2002, we dismissed several claims brought by the Plaintiffs which challenged the constitutionality of Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1200 (Act 1), the congressional redistricting plan enacted by the General Assembly and signed into law on January 7, 2002. On March 11-12, 2002, we held a hearing on the Plaintiff's sole remaining claim: Act 1 violates the constitutional principle of "one-person, one vote." Upon conclusion of this hearing, we ordered the

parties to file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

I. Background

The 2000 Census reported that Pennsylvania's total population was 12,291,054 persons. As a result of this population figure, and in accordance with Article I, Section 2 and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, Pennsylvania's congressional delegation was reduced from twenty-one to nineteen representatives in Congress.[1]

The loss of two congressional seats made it necessary to increase the size of the existing districts by approximately 100,000 persons. Additionally, because of shifts in population, some congressional districts were over-populated while some were well under the ideal population. Therefore, significant changes were made to the existing congressional districts.

Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1200 was introduced by Senators Brightbill and Lemmond on November 16, 2001. Senators Brightbill and Lemmond are members of the

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[1] Article I, Section 2 states in pertinent part: "The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second year by the People of the several States, and the Electors of each State shall have Qualification requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature." U.S. Const. art I, § 2. Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment states in pertinent part: "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their representative numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state." U.S. Const. amend. XIV, §2.

Republican Party. A competing plan, Senate Bill 1241 was introduced by Democratic state senators Mellow, O'Pake, Wagner, Musto, Kasunic, Fumo and Stout. On December 10, 2001, the Senate considered amendments to Senate Bill 1200. A Republican amendment was ultimately agreed to. The version of Senate Bill 1200 that eventually passed the Senate contained a population deviation of twenty-four persons.

After an amendment by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, that chamber passed Senate Bill 1200 on December 12, 2001. The version of Senate Bill 1200 that passed the House had a total population deviation of nineteen persons.[2] It also maintained two minority-majority districts in the Philadelphia area, created one open seat in the southeastern part of the Commonwealth and paired two Democratic incumbents in the same district. One Democratic incumbent was paired against one Republican incumbent.

The Senate refused to concur in the amendments to Senate Bill 1200 offered by the House of Representatives. A Conference Committee was appointed and a plan was eventually devised that contained a nineteen person deviation. This Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1200 was passed by the Senate on January 3, 2002 and by the House of Representatives later the same day. It was signed into law on January 7, 2002.

In its final form, Act 1 created nineteen congressional districts with a total population deviation of

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[2] The term "deviation" as used in this opinion refers to the differences in population between the least and most populated districts under the redistricting plan.

nineteen. Although Act 1 did maintain two "minority-majority" districts in Philadelphia, it created three districts in which six incumbent congressman would have to run for re-election against each other. Of these pairings, two of the districts required Democratic congressmen to run against each other and one district required an incumbent Democratic representative to run against an incumbent Republican representative. These pairings of incumbent congressman permitted the creation of an open congressional district in the southeastern part of the Commonwealth. In contrast to its treatment of Democratic incumbents, no Republican congressmen are forced to run against each other.

Moreover, Act 1 splits eighty-four local governments, including twenty-five counties, fifty-nine cities, boroughs or townships, as well as forty-one wards. It also splits six voting precincts.

II. Analysis

A. Population Deviation

The United States Constitution requires that each congressional district in a state contain equal population. See *Wesberry v. Sanders*, 376 U.S. 1, 18, 84 S.Ct. 526 (1864) (holding that Art. I, § 2 of the Constitution requires that "as nearly as is practicable one man's vote in a congressional election is to be worth as much as another's."). The Supreme Court has been exceedingly clear in requiring lower courts to balance population among the districts with precision. See *Karcher v. Daggett*, 462 U.S. 725, 734, 103 S.Ct. 2653 (1983) ("there are no *de minimis* population variations, which could practicably be avoided, but which nonetheless meet

the standard of Art. I, § 2 without justification.'); *Kirkpatrick v. Preisler*, 394 U.S. 526, 531, 89 S.Ct. 1225 (1969) ("[T]he `as nearly as practicable' standard requires that the State make a good-faith effort to achieve precise mathematical equality. Unless population variances among congressional districts are shown to have resulted despite such effort, the State must justify each variance, no matter how small."). In a challenge to a congressional redistricting plan, the plaintiff bears the burden of proving that the differences in district-to-district population could have been reduced or eliminated altogether by a "good-faith effort to draw districts of equal population." *Karcher*, 462 U.S. at 730.

We find that the Plaintiffs have met their burden in this case. First, it is undisputed that Act 1 has a deviation in population of nineteen persons between the most populated and least populated districts. Therefore, unless these deviations were unavoidable or resulted despite a good faith effort to draw districts of equal population, then the Defendants must prove a legitimate justification for the deviations. The evidence conclusively demonstrates that this population deviation was avoidable. Plaintiffs presented into evidence "Alternative Plan 4" which had a minimum possible deviation - districts that differ by only one person. Additionally, this plan achieves zero deviation without splitting any precincts among congressional districts and splits fewer municipalities than Act 1. Witnesses presented by both parties testified that it would have been relatively easy to take any plan or map and reach a point of zero population deviation.[3] Indeed, the Defendants themselves submitted

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[3] The Defendants suggest that "Alternative Plan 4" cannot be considered because it was never before the

a map with zero population deviation. Thus, the nineteen person deviation in Act 1 was avoidable.

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legislature. They argue that Plaintiffs must meet their burden under the first prong of the *Karcher* test only by relying on maps and/or redistricting plans that have a lower population deviation than the one enacted and that were presented to the legislature. We disagree. Although in *Karcher*, the legislature had before it other plans with less deviation, the Court never endorsed such a requirement. Instead, the Court focused on whether a plan with less deviation was possible. In this case, the Plaintiffs have provided four plans that had less deviations than Act 1. If we were to adopt the limited analysis suggested by the Defendants, we would be adopting a view that would isolate grossly disproportionate plans from constitutional scrutiny on the sole basis that such plans constitute the plan with the least deviations *available*. *Karcher* is wrought with references indicating that the least deviation *possible* is that which should govern the analysis. *See* 462 U.S. at 727 (affirming the three-judge panel's conclusion that the New Jersey plan violated the one-person, one-vote requirement "because the population deviations among districts, although small, were not the result of good-faith effort to achieve *population equality*) (emphasis added); 462 U.S. at 73233 (stating that the Court requires that "*absolute population equality* be the paramount objective of apportionment ... in the case of congressional districts," but not necessarily for other forms of redistricting) (emphasis added); 462 U.S. at 730 (stating that under the first prong of the analysis "the court must consider whether the population differences among districts could have been reduced or eliminated altogether by a good-faith effort to draw districts of *equal population*") (emphasis added); 462 at 731 ("Adopting any standard other than *population equality*, using the best census data available ... would subtly erode the Constitution's meal of *equal representation*.") (emphasis added). In this case, the evidence indicates that a zero-deviation map was possible, and thus should govern our analysis under *Karcher's* first prong.

Nor can the deviation contained in Act 1 be excused based upon the good faith of the Defendants. Indeed, we find that the testimony of defense witness Dr. John Memmi satisfies the Plaintiff's burden here. Dr. Memmi testified that he was in charge of drawing up the map that became Act 1. He further stated that he drew the map under the direct supervision of the Republican leadership. He began manipulating the map in order to get the deviations lower. However, once he reached the point of a nineteen-person deviation, he was told to stop manipulating the map:

> Q: Actually, what I would like to know is if there was a number that anybody said you could stop once you got to number nineteen or number 18?
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> A: Every move that was made was done under the supervision of my supervisors. And at the time, the team involved the House Republican Caucus Redistricting crew, some members thereof, the Senate Republican Caucus Redistricting team, members thereof. And the Supervisors sat there while Bill Shower and I - Bill is a gentleman with the House Republican Caucus. They observed every census block move that we made. And we continued to make moves, and were monitoring the overall range. I should say we all monitored it, of course, but the supervisor s the one whose monitoring counted. And when the districts were at nineteen overall range, they said that is sufficient.

Tr. Vol 3 at page 276. No other witnesses were called by the Defendants to explain why Dr. Memmi was told to stop manipulating the map.

We find this testimony to be in clear violation of the Supreme Court's express goal of getting as close as possible to zero deviation when drawing congressional districts. *See Karcher*, 462 U.S. at 734, 103 S.Ct. at 2660. Therefore, we find that the Defendants did not put forth a good-faith effort to draw districts of equal population.

It has been suggested that the deviation from absolute numerical equality present in Act 1 is too trivial or minute to rise to a constitutionally significant level. While it is true that the deviation contained in Act 1 is small, *Karcher* specifically holds that "there are no *de minimis* variations which could practically be avoided, but nonetheless meet the standard of Art. I, § 2 without justification." 462 U.S. at 734, 103 S.Ct. 2660. Thus, we hold that the population deviation in Act 1, even though relatively small, enables the Plaintiffs to satisfy *Karcher's* first prong and shifts to the Defendants the burden of proving justification.

B. Justification

Because the Plaintiffs have met their burden under *Karcher*, the Defendants must now prove that this population deviation was "necessary to achieve some legitimate goal." 462 U.S. at 731, 103 S.Ct. at 2658 (*citing Kirkpatrick*, 394 U.S. at 530, 89 S.Ct. at 1228; *Swann v. Adams*, 385 U.S. 440, 443-444, 87 S.Ct. 569, 571-72 (1967)). While *Karcher* did not specify how the State might meet its burden in step two, it did give several

examples of legislative policies that might justify some variance among the populations of the State's various congressional districts. Specifically, the Court stated that "making districts compact, respecting municipal boundaries, preserving the cores of prior districts and avoiding contests between incumbent Representatives" may legitimate minor population deviations among congressional districts. The Court also made clear that the burden borne by the State varies inversely with the magnitude of the population deviation. Id. at 741, 103 S.Ct. 2664. That is, the greater the deviation, the more compelling the government's justification must be.

Defendants contend that the population variances in Act 1 are justified by a desire to avoid splitting voting precincts.[4] Both parties agree that splitting precincts creates additional costs and work for county election officials in acquiring voting machines, in customizing ballots, in training precincts officials, in registering voters and in counting ballots. Moreover, we recognize that split precincts increase the potential for voter disorientation and candidate confusion. Therefore, to the extent that such justification is genuine, we acknowledge that the desire to avoid splitting precincts is a legitimate state interest which could justify a nineteen person deviation.

We find, however, that the Defendants' arguments on this point are a mere pretext. Specifically, the

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[4] While the Defendants have suggested various other state interests which may have justified Act l, since the focus of our inquiry in the justification phase is population deviation, the only justification submitted which deals with that issue is the policy objective of limiting voter precinct splits. Therefore, we will confine our analysis to this issue.

evidence has demonstrated that it is possible to draw a congressional district map with zero deviation and no precinct splits. Plaintiffs' witness, Robert Priest, drew exactly such a map using the same tools as Dr. Memmi. However, unlike Dr. Memmi, Mr. Priest was free to draw the map by manipulating entire precincts from district-to-district in order to achieve absolute population equality. As we have previously pointed out, Dr. Memmi testified that he was more constrained by his superiors. According to that testimony, Dr. Memmi initially formulated three congressional districts of ideal population by manipulating entire precincts. However, at that point, he was instructed to stop using whole precincts and to begin using census blocks to lower the deviation. Because every voting precinct contains several census blocks, manipulation of the census blocks leads almost inextricably to splitting precincts. We also note that none of the congressional districts that have split precincts have an ideal population.

Dr. Memmi was equally restrained in his efforts to bring Act 1 down to a zero deviation. That is, his superiors in the Republican caucus instructed him that he was only to manipulate census blocks and not precincts. This wholesale reliance on the census block method- the lone cause of the precinct splits - is what Defendants now employ to justify the deviations in their map. The logical inconsistency is so deep that it causes us to pause and consider the sincerity of such proffer. If Defendants truly wanted to avoid splitting precincts, they would have done so by enacting a zero deviation map that did not split any precincts.

Moreover, it is worth noting that of the maps presented at trial, Act 1 is that which least comports with the neutral legislative policies that the *Karcher* Court stated would justify a Congressional redistricting plan with some deviations. Act 1 is the plan which contains the least compact districts. (Pls. Ex. 12 at 7.) Act 1 splits the most counties (twenty-five) and municipalities (fifty-nine cities, townships, or boroughs).[5] (Id.) With the exception of Act 1's twin, the zero-deviation version, Act 1 even splits the most precincts. (Id.) To the extent that Act 1 retains the cores of prior districts, it does so only for districts containing Republican incumbents. (See id. at 8.)

However, it is on *Karcher's* final endorsed neutral criteria - the avoidance of contests between incumbents - that Act 1 fails most miserably. Although Pennsylvania's loss of two congressional seats requires the pairing of only two sets of incumbents in the 2002 elections, Act 1 pits six incumbents against each other: two pairs of Democrats, and one Republican against one Democrat (the latter in a district that heavily favors Republican candidates). At the same time Act 1 pits more incumbents than necessary against one another, it also creates a new district, District 6, in which no incumbent resides. In the face of such evidence, it is clear that *Karcher's* neutral criteria were not high on the priority list in enacting Act 1. The dissent suggests that our analysis should pay deference to the policies that Act 1 reflects. However, there is no legal authority to support the corollary assertion that the only relevant zero-deviation

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[5] In comparison, the now defunct 1992 Plan, which contained twenty-one congressional districts, split only eighteen counties and thirteen municipalities.

maps with no precinct splits are those which comport with the general contours of Act 1.

In summation, it has been conclusively proven that it is possible to draw a congressional district map with zero population deviation amongst districts without splitting any precincts. Therefore, Defendants cannot rely on a general desire to avoid splitting precincts as a legitimate justification for a map that splits six such precincts. Put another way, if it is possible to achieve a zero deviation map with no precinct splits by manipulating whole precincts, the actions of the Defendants in switching to census block data call into question the legitimacy of their proffered justifications. We find, therefore, that the Defendants have failed to provide any legitimate justification for the population deviations contained in Act 1. As such, we enjoin the implementation of Act 1.

III. Remedy

Having determined that Act 1 is unconstitutional, we now address the question of the appropriate remedy. The Supreme Court has cautioned that "reapportionment is primarily a matter for legislative consideration and determination, and that judicial relief becomes appropriate only when a legislature fails to reapportion according to federal constitutional requisites in a timely fashion after having had an adequate opportunity to do so." *White v. Weiser*, 412 U.S. 783 (1973). We recognize that the Pennsylvania General Assembly has primary jurisdiction over congressional redistricting. Furthermore, no evidence was presented that would permit us to conclude that the General Assembly would be unable to enact a new constitutional redistricting plan

in time for the 2002 elections. This is not a case where the respective legislative bodies are hopelessly deadlocked and the likelihood is that they will be able to enact a constitutionally sound plan.

Therefore, the Defendants are ordered to submit a constitutionally sound redistricting plan that has been enacted into law by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to this court within three weeks of the date of this opinion.

An appropriate order will follow.

APPENDIX C

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD VIETH	:	
NORMA JEAN	:	**CIVIL NO. 1:CV-01-2439**
VIETH, and	:	
SUSAN FUREY,	:	
Plaintiffs	:	
	:	**NYGAARD, Circuit Judge**
v.	:	**YOHN, District Judge**
	:	**RAMBO, District Judge**
COMMONWEALTH	:	
OF	:	
PENNSYLVANIA,	:	
et al.,	:	
Defendants	:	

ORDER

In accordance with the preceding opinion, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

(1) Plaintiffs' request for declaratory judgment is **GRANTED**. Act 1 is hereby declared unconstitutional as a violation of Article I, § of the United States Constitution;

(2) Plaintiffs' request for injunctive relief is GRANTED IN PART as follows:

(A) To the extent that Plaintiffs request that the court enjoin Act 1's implementation, Plaintiffs' request is

GRANTED. Defendants are permanently enjoined from implementing Act 1;

(B) To the extent that Plaintiffs request that the court devise its own redistricting plan for use in the 2002 congressional elections, Plaintiffs' request is **deferred pending compliance by the Pennsylvania General Assembly with this order**; and instead,

(3) The Pennsylvania General Assembly shall, within three weeks of the date of this order, prepare,, enact and submit for review and final approval by this Court, a congressional redistricting plan in conformity with this opinion.

This Court shall retain jurisdiction pending issuance of a final order in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/S/

RICHARD L. NYGAARD
United States Circuit Judge

/S/

SYLVIA H. RAMBO
United States District Judge

Dated: April 8, 2002.

APPENDIX D

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD VIETH	:	
NORMA JEAN	:	**CIVIL NO. 1:CV-01-2439**
VIETH, and	:	
SUSAN FUREY,	:	
Plaintiffs	:	
	:	**NYGAARD, Circuit Judge**
v.	:	**YOHN, District Judge**
	:	**RAMBO, District Judge**
COMMONWEALTH	:	
OF	:	
PENNSYLVANIA,	:	
et al.,	:	
Defendants	:	

YOHN, DISTRICT JUDGE, DISSENTING:

I agree with majority that the plaintiffs have met the first prong of the *Karcher* test and that the appropriate remedy, if Act 1 is unconstitutional, is to give the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a reasonable period of time to enact a constitutionally sound redistricting plan.

I respectfully dissent, however, from Section II.B. of the majority opinion and conclude that defendants have met their burden, although just barely, to establish a justification for the nineteen person maximum deviation, and that Act 1 therefore passes constitutional muster.

In *Karcher v. Daggett*, 462 U.S. 725 (1983), the Court stated that the plaintiffs' "success in proving that the Feldman Plan was not the product of a good faith effort to achieve population equality means only that the

burden shifted to the state to prove that the population deviations in its plan were necessary to achieve some legitimate state objective." (emphasis added). 462 U.S. at 740. Thus, the focus of the second prong of the *Karcher* test is the state's justification for the population deviations in Act 1.[6]

The defendants have pointed to a litany of state interests behind Act 1; however, since the focus of our inquiry in the justification phase of the *Karcher* analysis is the population deviation, the only justification submitted which deals with that issue is the policy objective of limiting voter precinct splits. Defendants contend that Act 1 could be "zeroed-out" by using Modification One but that this would entail splitting twenty-six voting precincts rather than the split of six voting precincts in Act 1.

Both parties agree that splitting precincts creates additional costs and work for county election officials in acquiring voting machines, in customizing ballots, in training precinct officials, in registering voters and in counting ballots. In addition, it increases the potential for voter confusion and candidate confusion. Thus, the desire to minimize the splitting of voting precincts is a legitimate justification, particularly when the overall population deviation is only nineteen.

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[6] The majority correctly points out that the Court has "made clear that the burden borne by the state varies inversely with the magnitude of the population deviation. . . . That is, the greater the deviation, the more compelling the government's justification must be." It would seem therefore that a nineteen person deviation in a congressional district of 646,371 or 646,372 would require a justification on the lowest end of the "justification" scale.

The evidence with reference to this justification is, however, minimal. Dr. John Memmi testified that he was the cartographer who worked on the final draft of what became Act 1. When he reached the population deviation of nineteen he was told by his superiors that he could stop work. Inexplicably, neither party asked Dr. Memmi who told him this or called as a witness the person who told him to stop work in order to explore the basis for the decision. As a result, we are left to draw inferences from the evidence presented.

Defendants ask us to draw the inference that the effort to equalize population was halted because of a desire not to split any more voting precincts. There are 9,427 voting precincts in Pennsylvania but there are 322,424 census blocks. Act 1 as enacted contained six voting precinct splits. (Defendants' exhibit 92). Subsequent to the enactment of Act 1 Dr. Memmi made further adjustments of census blocks in order to produce a plan with a zero population deviation. Using census blocks inevitably leads to more voter precinct splits and the resulting plan, designated as Modification One contains twenty-six voting precinct splits. (Defendants' exhibit 90).

This inference is also supported by the testimony of Dr. Memmi concerning the conversation when he was working on the last draft of what became Act 1 and told that he could stop work.

> "Q Did they tell you why they thought that was sufficient?
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> A They did not specifically say John, Bill, these are the reasons why we are stopping at 19. I don't mean to be curt.

> One of the prevailing themes throughout the exercise was to minimize the number of precinct incursions. We were at six. I worked with individuals who understand the election process. They understand the administration at the county level.
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> I do not profess to have any more than at best a superficial understanding of that. But the concern was to minimize the number of precinct incursions so that election administration would be as smooth as it could be."

R. at 320 - 21.

Finally, I note that neither party has, even with the benefit of hindsight, submitted a plan following the general contours of Act 1 which does not involve the splitting of more than six voting precincts. Thus, I find that the inference defendants suggest, that the justification for Act 1 is the reduced number of voting precinct splits, is reasonable.

Plaintiffs, on the other hand, ask us to infer that the Act 1 plan was not "zeroed out" because of partisan considerations. Plaintiffs produced a map that was "zeroed out" without splitting any voting precincts, Alternative Four. However, this plan does not follow the general contours of Act 1. The Court has oftentimes reminded us of the necessity not to override state goals, policies and preferences any more than is necessary. *See Abrams v. Johnson*, 521 U.S. 74, 101 (1997); *Upham v. Seaman*, 456 U.S. 37, 41 - 42 (1982); *White v. Weiser*, 412 U.S. 783, 795 (1973). There is no evidence to support a conclusion that Alternative Four encompasses the many other state goals, policies and preferences

inherent in Act 1 which resulted in its enactment. In addition, plaintiffs have suggested no connection between the nineteen person deviation in Act 1 and the alleged partisanship of the plan. Indeed, any such suggestion is contradicted by Dr. Memmi's specific testimony that when he was trying to reduce the plan to the minimal population deviation possible on December 31, 2001, nobody expressed any concern that continuing to trade whole precincts might change the political characteristics of some of the districts and that during the entire procedure there was no commentary of a political nature. R. at 322. Moreover, to the extent that the plaintiffs are arguing partisan gerrymandering, the *Karcher* Court noted that "beyond requiring states to justify population deviations with explicit, precise reasons, which might be expected to have some inhibitory effect, Kirkpatrick does little to prevent what is known as gerrymandering .... Kirkpatrick's object, achieving population equality, is far less ambitious than what would be required to address gerrymandering on a constitutional level." *Karcher*, 462 U.S. at 734 n. 6. Thus, the inference which the plaintiffs ask us to draw is not supported by the evidence, by reason, or by law.

I conclude, therefore, that the nineteen person deviation was justified by the "legitimate state objective" of avoiding further splitting of voter precincts and that there has been no proof that the population deviation of nineteen persons bore any relationship to the alleged partisanship of Act 1. Thus, Act 1 is not unconstitutional.

/S/
William H. Yohn, Jr. Judge

APPENDIX E

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD VIETH,	**:CIVIL NO.1:CV-01-2439**
NORMA JEAN VIETH,	**:**
and SUSAN FUREY,	**:**
Plaintiffs	**:**
v.	**:**
COMMONWEALTH OF	**:**
PENNSYLVANIA, et al.	**:**
Defendants	**:**

ORDER

In accordance with the accompanying memorandum of law, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

(1) Defendant Executive Officers' motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(1) is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**, as follows:

> (A) As to Defendant Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the motion is **GRANTED**, all claims against the Commonwealth are dismissed;
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> (B) In all other respects, the motion is **DENIED;**

(2) Defendant Presiding Officers' motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(1) is **DENIED;**

(3) Defendant Executive Officers' motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**, as follows:

> (A) The motion is **GRANTED** as to Counts II, III, IV and V of the amended complaint;
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> (B) The motion is **DENIED** as to Count I of the amended complaint;

(4) Defendant Presiding Officers' motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule12(b)(6) is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**, as follows:

> (A) The motion is **GRANTED** as to Counts II, III, IV and V of the amended complaint;
>
> (B) The motion is **DENIED** as to Count I of the amended complaint.

/S/ Richard L. Nygaard
RICHARD L. NYGAARD
United States Circuit Judge

/S/ William H. Yohn, Jr.
WILLIAM H. YOHN, JR.
United States District Judge

/S/ Sylvia H. Rambo
SYLVIA H. RAMBO
United States District Judge

Dated: February 22, 2002.

APPENDIX F

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD VIETH, NORMA JEAN VIETH, and SUSAN FUREY, Plaintiffs,	)	
v.	)	NO. 3:CV-01-2439
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; MARK S. SCHWEIKER, in his official capacity as Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; KIM PIZZINGRILLI, in her official capacity as Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; RICHARD FILLING, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Bureau of Commissions, Elections, and Legislation of the Pennsylvania Department of State; ROBERT C. JUBELIRER, in his official capacity as Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania and President of the Pennsylvania Senate; MATTHEW J. RYAN, in his official capacity as Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Defendants.	)	JUDGE RAMBO
	)	FILED SCRANTON JAN 11 2002
	)	PER DEPUTY CLERK

AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

1. The plaintiffs have brought this action to enforce voting rights guaranteed to them by the United States Constitution. As registered Democrats and voters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the plaintiffs have exercised, and wish to continue exercising, their right to vote for their preferred candidates for United States Representative, both in general elections and in Democratic Party primary elections. The congressional districting plan that the Pennsylvania General Assembly imposed on the Commonwealth on January 3, 2002, however, violates plaintiffs' rights under the United States Constitution.

PARTIES

2. Plaintiff Richard Vieth is a registered Democrat and under the new districting plans resides in District 16. He resides at 632 Laurel Lane, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601.

3. Plaintiff Norma Jean Vieth is a registered Democrat and under the new districting plans resides in District 16. She resides at 632 Laurel Lane, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601.

4. Plaintiff Susan Furey is a registered Democrat and a resident of Montgomery County. She resides at 507 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, 19004. Under the districting plan established in 1992, Furey resided in District 13. Under the new districting plan, Furey resides in District 6, which is overpopulated and non-compact.

5. Defendants are the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and officials thereof who have duties and responsibilities under the laws of the Commonwealth to redraw congressional districts in Pennsylvania following the release of population data from each federal decennial census and then to conduct elections in those districts. Defendant Mark S. Schweiker is the Governor of Pennsylvania. Defendant Kim Pizzingrilli is the Secretary of the Commonwealth and oversees Pennsylvania's electoral process. Defendant Richard Filling is the Commissioner of the Bureau of Commissions, Elections, and Legislation of the Pennsylvania Department of State, which is charged with administering functions related to Pennsylvania's electoral process. Defendant Robert C. Jubelirer is the Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania and President of the Pennsylvania Senate. Defendant Matthew J. Ryan is the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Court has exclusive jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343(a)(3), 1343(a)(4), 1357, 2201, 2202, and 2284. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

RELEVANT STATE AND FEDERALCONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

7. Section 2 of Article I of the United States Constitution, as amended by Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment, provides, in part, that "[t]he House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States" and that "Representatives shall be apportioned among the

several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State...."

8. Section 4 of Article I of the United States Constitution grants limited authority to the Legislature of each State to determine "[t]he Times, Places and Manner of holding elections for ... Representatives." As the Supreme Court of the United States has recognized, State Legislatures are more limited in their authority to draw congressional districts than they are under their inherent power to draw their own state legislative districts.

9. In the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights, the United States Constitution protects the rights of freedom of speech and association.

10. The Equal Protection Clause of Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment prohibits any State from "deny[ing] to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

11. The Privileges and Immunities Clause of Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment prohibits any State from "abridg[ing] the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

12. Together these constitutional provisions embody fundamental guarantees that every citizen, regardless of race or political party, will have a fair and equal opportunity to cast a meaningful ballot for members of Congress and a fair and meaningful opportunity to be represented by a person of their choice in the United States Congress. These guarantees include, among other things, the one-person, one-vote principle - requiring each of a State's congressional districts to contain the same number of persons, absent a legitimate justification - and

the prohibition against invidious partisan gerrymanders, which operate to consistently degrade the votes of a particular disfavored group.

THE 1992 CONGRESSIONAL PLAN AND THE 2000 CENSUS

13. In March 1992, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania ordered into effect a congressional districting plan establishing Pennsylvania's 21 current congressional districts. Although that plan did not achieve perfect population equality among the districts, the Supreme Court ruled that slight deviations in population can be justified when the deviations are necessary to protect other important districting interests such as the preservation of local municipal boundaries. The plan that the Supreme Court ordered into effect split 27 localities (including 19 counties and 8 cities, towns, and boroughs) and 3 election precincts; the Supreme Court rejected a competing plan that had a smaller population deviation on the grounds that it split 48 localities (including 21 counties and 27 cities, towns, and boroughs) and 22 election precincts. *See Mellow v. Mitchell,* 607 A.2d 204 (Pa. 1992). The Pennsylvania Supreme Court also found that the plan they adopted was fair to both major political parties.

14. After the Supreme Court ordered the 1992 plan into effect, a three judge federal court reviewed its validity. The three judge court ruled that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's plan was valid, and in interpreting *Mellow v. Mitchell,* 607 A.2d 204 (Pa. 1992), recognized that, "the Pennsylvania Supreme Court identified in its opinion the avoidance of municipal splits as an important public policy of the Commonwealth." The Court wrote, "This conclusion is a matter of

Pennsylvania state law and we are bound by it." *Nerch v. Mitchell,* No. 92-0095, slip op. at 32 - 33 (M.D. Pa. Aug. 13, 1992) (per curiam).

15. Under the 1992 Plan, which was used for the most recent congressional elections in November 2000, citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania cast almost an identical number of votes for Democratic candidates as for Republican candidates, and elected 11 Republicans and 10 Democrats to Congress.

16. The 2000 election was the last under the 1992 plan drawn by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. On December 28, 2000, the Secretary of Commerce reported to the President of the United States the tabulation of population for each of the fifty States, including the defendant Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as determined in the 2000 decennial census. Those population figures showed that Pennsylvania is now entitled to only 19 Representatives in Congress - a decrease of two Representatives since the 1990 census. The census data also show that Pennsylvania's resident population as of April 1, 2000, was 12,281,054 persons -- 646,371 or 646,372 persons for each of the 19 congressional districts.

17. During its regular session in 2001, the General Assembly was unable to reach agreement on a congressional redistricting plan. The State House of Representatives passed one plan and the State Senate passed a different plan. The General Assembly adjourned on December 13, 2001, at an impasse.

18. Before and after the deadlock, national Republican leaders sought to use the Pennsylvania congressional redistricting process, which was wholly controlled by the Republican General Assembly and

Republican governor, to achieve national political ends, rather than to reach a result in the interests of the people in Pennsylvania. National Republican leaders pressured Pennsylvania legislators to push for maximum partisan advantage, regardless of the cost. Karl Rove, a political advisor to President George W. Bush - who lost in Pennsylvania - asked state Republicans to favor the plan passed by the state Senate rather than the more moderate House plan. Rep. Thomas M. Davis III, a Republican of Virginia and the chairperson of the National Republican Congressional Committee, stated publicly that Pennsylvania would serve as a payback for whatever redistricting successes Democrats might have had elsewhere. "Democrats rewrote the book when they did Georgia, and we would be stupid not to reciprocate," he said. Pennsylvania "will make Georgia look like a picnic." Press accounts report that Pennsylvania House Majority Leader John Perzel also received phone calls from Republican Sen. Rick Santorum and House Speaker Dennis Hastert regarding the importance of maximizing the number of seats that would elect Republicans and thus rigging the districts against the Democratic party and the interests of Democratic voters.

THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL PLAN

19. Following the end of the General Assembly's regular session, Republicans from the House and Senate worked to reach agreement on a plan that would satisfy the interests of their Republican colleagues and the national Republican party. At all points, Democratic state legislators, including those on the Conference Committee, were shut out of this process. Democratic leaders in the House and Senate were presented, for the first time, with a final version of a proposed congressional redistricting plan

on the morning of the conference committee on January 2, 2002. The Democratic members of the Conference Committee had no input whatsoever on the final plan. The Conference Committee voted this plan out on straight party lines.

20. On January 3, 2002, the General Assembly passed the new congressional redistricting plan, Senate Bill 1200 (SB 1200). That plan, delineating 19 congressional districts to comport with reapportionment following the 2000 Census, not only fails to equalize the population of each congressional district, but also ignores all traditional redistricting criteria, including the preservation of local government boundaries, solely for the sake of partisan advantage.

21. Under SB 1200, the Commonwealth's most populated district, District 7, would have a population of 646,380. The Commonwealth's least populated districts, Districts 1, 2, and 17, would each have populations of 646,361. This creates a total population deviation of 19, which is lower than the total population deviation in the 1992 plan, but in contrast to the 1992 plan, the new plan's deviation serves no recognizable legitimate interest: rather than protecting municipal boundaries, the plan splits units of local governments throughout the state among multiple districts. SB 1200 splits 84 local governments, including 25 counties and 59 cities, boroughs, or townships, as well as 41 wards. (To avoid double counting, Philadelphia for these purposes has been treated as a county, not as both a county and a city.) Montgomery County alone is split into six different congressional districts. This is in sharp contrast with the plan drawn by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1992, which recognized the importance

of preserving local government boundaries and split only 19 counties and 8 cities, townships, and boroughs.

22. SB 1200 also ignores all other traditional redistricting criteria, thus demonstrating that partisanship - and nothing else - was the rationale behind the plan. Rather than protecting communities of interest, it fractures them, substituting meandering and irregular lines through the state. District 6, for example, looms like a dragon descending on Philadelphia from the west, splitting up towns and communities throughout Montgomery and Berks Counties. District 7 is barely contiguous. District 8 includes an ungainly gash that at one point narrows to 300 yards and extends five and a half miles into Montgomery County, nearly splitting neighboring District 13 in two. District 12 snakes through several counties, leaving no fewer than 25 split cities, towns, and boroughs. Not surprisingly, the districts in SB 1200 are far less compact than those in the 1992 plan.

23. In constructing SB 1200, the General Assembly did not attempt to preserve the cores of existing districts (which minimizes voter confusion by displacing fewer voters from their current districts), protect incumbents, establish partisan balance, or advance any of the legitimate redistricting criteria recognized by the United States Supreme Court or by scholars in the field of redistricting. Rather, the General Assembly's purpose and intent in enacting SB 1200 was to maximize the representation of Republican interests and minimize the representation of Democrats, no matter what the cost. Indeed, rather than preserving the seniority and power of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, thereby enhancing Pennsylvania's clout in Washington, the General Assembly sought to replace Democratic members

who have seniority with first-term Republicans. As Republicans in the General Assembly have explained, rigging the electoral system in favor of Republicans will advance the policy agenda of current President Bush, which they believe should be in the interests of all residents of the Commonwealth - regardless of the fact that a majority of citizens voted against President Bush.

PARTISAN IMPACT OF SB 1200

24. The partisan effects of SB 1200 are massive. As Democratic state legislators have explained, SB 1200 is a "massacre." SB 1200 ensures that the voting preferences of the residents of Pennsylvania will not be reflected in congressional elections and consistently degrades the votes of Democratic voters in the Commonwealth.

25. In terms of voter preferences, the two major political parties hold nearly equal support among Pennsylvania residents, with a slight preference for Democrats. Registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans 3,733,739 to 3,233,171, a division between the two major parties of 53.6% to 46.4%.

26. Further, on neutral playing fields free from partisan gerrymandering, Democrats consistently perform competitively in Pennsylvania elections. In twenty-one congressional races during the 2000 elections, the aggregate vote for Democrats was 2,279,227, or 50.6%, while the aggregate vote for Republicans was 2,229,057, or 49.4% of the major parties' vote totals.

27. Democrats also received more total votes than Republicans in the five statewide races in 2000, as Democrats received 11,495,041 votes to Republicans' 11,428,698, a margin of 50.1% to 49.9%. (The vote totals

in those elections include the race for President, with Democrat Al Gore receiving 2,485,967 votes (50.6% of all votes cast) to Republican George Bush's 2,281,127 votes (46.4%); the race for Attorney General, in which incumbent Republican Mike Fisher received 2,495,253 votes (55.6% of votes for major party candidates) and Democrat Jim Eisenhower received 1,991,144 votes (44.4%); the race for Auditor-General, in which incumbent Democrat Bob Casey, Jr. received 2,651,551 votes (58.7% of votes for major party candidates) and Republican Katie True received 1,862,934 votes (41.3%); the race for State Treasurer, in which the incumbent Republican Barbara Hafer received 2,307,422 votes (51.1% of votes for major party candidates) to Democrat Catherine Knoll Baker's 2,211,471 votes (48.9%); and the race for United States Senator, in which incumbent Republican Rick Santorum received 2,481,962 votes (53.5% of votes for major party candidates) to Democrat Ron Klink's 2,154,908 votes (46.5%).)

28. The new plan will have serious consequences on the Pennsylvania congressional delegation's ability to represent the preferences of Pennsylvania voters. Despite the Commonwealth's 50/50 split between Democrats and Republicans - or, more accurately, its slight preference for Democrats - the new plan will likely result in a congressional delegation consisting of 13 Republicans and 6 Democrats. Some Republicans have boasted that their majority will be even greater, producing a 14-to-5 edge. Thus, even if they continue, as they have, to receive more than 50% of the vote in congressional elections, Democratic candidates will win less than 1/3 of the seats in Congress; Republicans, receiving less than half of the total votes cast, will receive twice (and almost three times) as many congressional seats.

HARM CAUSED BY SB 1200

29. SB 1200 harms the people of Pennsylvania, particularly Democratic voters, such as plaintiffs, and the Democratic Party, in several distinct ways. First, SB 1200 dilutes the votes of people living in districts that are overpopulated, i.e., contain more than 646,371 people. Those districts include Districts 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 19. It does so without any legitimate justification.

30. SB 1200 is also an egregious partisan gerrymander. A partisan gerrymander refers to a district-based election system that rigs a political system in favor of one party. Indeed, Congress has outlawed the use of multi-member districts in drawing congressional districts, 2 U.S.C. § 2(c), precisely because such districts allow a majority party in the state legislature to rig the congressional elections in their favor. A partisan gerrymander does precisely the same thing.

31. By "packing" voters of one party in some districts and "cracking" or fragmenting them in others, a partisan gerrymander ensures that one party wins more representation than its voting strength would otherwise allow. It thus dilutes the voting strength of voters of the other party. The effect of a partisan gerrymander is often referred to as bias - the lines are drawn in such a way as to favor (to be biased toward) one party, which is able to win more representation with fewer votes.

32. SB 1200 is a massive political gerrymander. It packs and fragments Democratic voters to ensure that their votes are worth less than Republican votes. Thus, although Pennsylvania is a 50/50 state, SB 1200 was designed to ensure that Republicans would win

at least 13 of the 19 congressional seats. In terms of bias, SB 1200 gives Republicans a bias of over 18% - for less than 50% of the votes, they receive at least 68% of the seats in Congress. The plan does not merely fail to apportion seats proportionally; it maximizes the Republicans' partisan advantage to the exclusion of all other criteria. In terms of magnitude, SB 1200 is one of the most egregious partisan gerrymanders in recent history. It is significantly worse than that challenged in *Davis v. Bandemer*, 478 U.S. 109 (1986), in which the Supreme Court recognized the justiciability of partisan gerrymandering. It gives one party a two- or three-to-one advantage based on nothing other than the packing and cracking of voters.

33. This bias will not apply in simply one political election, but will affect every future election under SB 1200, regardless of the political conditions. It cements Republican power and effectively reduces Democrats to being a small minority of the Commonwealth's congressional delegation for the coming election and likely the coming decade.

34. By diluting the voting strength of Democratic voters, SB 1200 operates to minimize or cancel out the votes of Democrats, solely because the dominant party in the State Legislature does not like their political point of view and how they vote. SB 1200 consistently and systematically degrades the influence of Democratic voters on the political process as a whole, denies them fair representation, and penalizes Democratic voters for their views. Given that Democratic voters make up a small majority of the voters in Pennsylvania, SB 1200 will frustrate the will of the majority to influence the political process.

35. The harms caused by SB 1200 go well beyond the statewide dilution of Democratic voting strength. SB 1200 dramatically affects the Democratic Party's prospects for success in congressional elections in Pennsylvania in other ways and will operate to reduce the choices that voters, and particularly Democratic voters, will have in Pennsylvania elections. Political success depends on a variety of factors, including party organizing, recruitment of viable candidates, fund-raising, and voter turnout efforts. These factors, in turn, depend in large part on the party's potential for success. Because of the bias created by SB 1200, the Democratic Party will have greater difficulty in fielding competitive candidates. Further, those candidates who do run will find it more difficult to raise the money necessary to compete effectively, because potential donors will be hesitant to support losing candidates.

36. By locking down control of the congressional delegation, Republicans have leveraged their control over other aspects of the Pennsylvania political structure to essentially shut Democrats and Democratic voters out of the political process. Republicans already control the General Assembly and the Governor's office; SB 1200 itself is evidence that they will use that political power to minimize the voice of Democratic voters so that they might advance the Republican agenda in Pennsylvania and in national politics. SB 1200 installs the Republican Party as the dominant party in Pennsylvania - based solely on bias and unfairness, not on votes.

37. Democratic voters, such as plaintiffs, will also suffer harm due to the impact of SB 1200 on representation of Pennsylvania voters. The fact that 13 or

14 districts are now designated as "Republican districts" means that Pennsylvania Democrats - who compose a majority of the state - will now be increasingly represented by members of Congress who do not represent their views. As with race, when a district - indeed an entire state's redistricting plan is obviously created solely to effectuate the interests of one political group, elected officials are more likely to believe that their primary obligation is to represent only the members of that group, rather than the constituency as a whole. Indeed, the presumption that a winning candidate represents all of the district's constituents is not as strong here as it is in the case of a racial gerrymander, where there is no necessary connection between a voter's or candidate's race and his or her political views. In a partisan case, the presumption no longer holds, because the connection between one's partisan affiliation and his or her political views is much closer than the connection between a voter's race and his or her political views. Even those voters whose political views do not perfectly correlate with their representatives' views are better represented by a representative of their own political party than one of another party. Although representatives may still be responsive to the interests of independent voters whose vote they may aim to capture, they are non-responsive to - and can entirely ignore - voters who support the opposing party.

38. SB 1200 also harms plaintiffs and other Democratic voters in Pennsylvania because it clearly and improperly draws distinctions and doles out benefits on the basis of political party. Unlike a redistricting plan that seeks to balance partisan success between the two parties or one which takes politics into account, SB 1200 creates favored and disfavored groups, and sends a clear message

to the people of Pennsylvania - electing Republicans is more important than the will of the majority and Democrats are to be penalized because their views are not favored by the majority in the General Assembly. By relying exclusively on a principle of maximum partisan advantage, the General Assembly's plan thus classifies and discriminates against voters solely because of their party affiliations. Plaintiffs' ability to associate with other Democratic voters to support their candidate of choice has been uniquely harmed, not by any accident of geography, but by an intentional effort to degrade a class of voters' ability to influence the political process.

39. SB 1200 also harms Democratic voters in the Commonwealth because it is, on its face and intentionally, legislation that exults Republican advantage over any legitimate criterion for governmental decisionmaking. Classifications based on political affiliation, like those based on race, are ordinarily impermissible, but the Supreme Court has indicated that such classifications may be permitted when drawing districts. In the line of cases that started with *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993), the Supreme Court recognized that even a factor that might otherwise be permissible can render a plan unconstitutional when used to the exclusion of all other criteria. The problem is not that the General Assembly considered politics, but that it subordinated - indeed ignored - all traditional redistricting principles and all legitimate bases for governmental decisionmaking, in order to favor those with one political viewpoint over another, thus implicating fundamental rights protected by the U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitutions. SB 1200 is so irregular on its face that it rationally can be viewed only as an effort to segregate voters to advance the interests of one political party,

without regard for traditional redistricting principles and without any legitimate or compelling justification.

40. The very fact that the General Assembly has subordinated all legitimate criteria to political preference is itself a violation of the Equal Protection Clause. While politics will always plan an important role in redistricting, this was not politics as usual. The General Assembly's plan has exceeded ordinary politics, and thus requires judicial intervention. It will impose serious handicaps on Pennsylvania Democrats' efforts to participate in the political process and leaves Pennsylvania Democrats shut out of the congressional electoral process.

CLAIM I

41. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 40.

42. The facts herein alleged constitute a denial or abridgement of the plaintiffs' right to vote for their Representative to the United States Congress, in violation of Section 2 of Article I of the United States Constitution, as amended by Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment, and Section 4, Article I of the United States Constitution.

CLAIM II

43. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 42.

44. The facts herein alleged constitute a denial to the plaintiffs of the equal protection of the laws as guaranteed to them by the Equal Protection Clause of

Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

CLAIM III

45. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 44.

46. The facts herein alleged constitute an abridgement of the privileges and immunities of citizenship guaranteed to the plaintiffs by the Privileges or Immunities Clause of Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

CLAIM IV

47. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 46.

48. The facts herein alleged constitute a denial or abridgement of the plaintiffs' right to free association as guaranteed to them by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

CLAIM V

49. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 48.

50. The facts herein alleged constitute a violation of Section 1983 of Title 42 of the United States Code.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs respectfully pray that this Court:

A. Assume jurisdiction of this matter and convene as a three judge District Court pursuant to Section 2284 of Title 28 of the United States Code;

B. Enter a declaratory judgment that the congressional districting plan that the General Assembly passed on January 3, 2002 violates plaintiffs' rights under the aforesaid provisions of the United States Constitution and federal law;

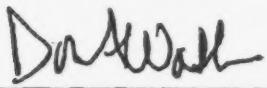
C. Enjoin permanently the defendants, their officers, agents, employees, attorneys, successors in office, from conducting primary or general elections, by themselves or in concert with other persons, using the January 3, 2002 General Assembly congressional districting plan or any other congressional districting plan that violates the United States Constitution or federal law;

D. Impose by Court order a new congressional redistricting plan that meets the requirements of the United States Constitution and federal law that will be in effect for the 2002 elections and enjoin the defendants from enacting or implementing a new redistricting plan until the 2004 elections;

E. Grant plaintiffs their reasonable attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and court costs; and

F. Grant plaintiffs any other relief that the Court finds appropriate and equitable.

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